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OPTICAL NETWORK USING DYNAMIC UNICAST

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office action dated November 19, 2008, and is being filed within the three-month shortened statutory response period, and within the two-month after-final response period specified in MPEP § 706.07(f) expiring on January 21, 2009 (since January 19 and 20, 2009 were recognized as Federal holidays by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office).

Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on **page 2**.

**Remarks** begin on **page 38**.